



Gallatin Gateway School District #35 Election Information May 2, 2017



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<http://gallatingatewayschool.com/board/>

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Voter Information

Gallatin Gateway School District #35 will hold its annual school election by mail ballot. Voters will decide on two open Trustee seats, a requested General Fund Levy and a requested Building Reserve Levy

- **April 17, 2017 - County Election Office mails ballots.**
- **May 2, 2017 - Election Day – Ballots due by 8:00 pm**

Ballots may be returned by mail (with correct postage) or in person to the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Office Hours</u>	<u>Election Day Hours</u>
County Election Office 311 West Main, Room 210	8am – 5pm Monday – Friday	7am – 8pm
Monforton School District Office 6001 Monforton School Road, Bozeman	8am – 4pm Monday – Friday	8am – 8pm

Voter Registration: The deadline for registration to vote in the school election is Monday, April 3, 2017. Citizens may register by completing a voter registration card and returning it to: Election Administrator, 311 West Main, Room 210, Bozeman, MT 59715. Download cards at:

<http://sos.mt.gov/elections/officials/forms/documents/Voter-Registration-Application.pdf>

Trustee Election

Gallatin Gateway School has two (2) Board of Trustees seats open this year. Each position is for a three-year (3) term. Currently, two (2) individuals have filed for election:

- Julie Fleury
- Lessa Racow

Requested General Fund Operating Levy

The Gallatin Gateway Board of Trustees is requesting a General Fund operating levy increase of \$31,211 for next year. Due to a continuing drop in ANB-based funding (enrollment), the General Fund budget for 2017-2018 is estimated to decrease by \$40,307. Even with the 0.5% inflationary increase provided by the State legislature, Gallatin Gateway School will experience a decrease in funding for next year of approximately \$30,870. At this time, the School Board has determined that increases in costs for operation and maintenances as well as the current instructional programs are estimated to require an additional \$14,000 in FY2018. The requested levy will provide for a higher budget approximately equal to the current year's budget, which may still require the District to cut \$14,000 from the current operating budget. Without the requested levy, the District may have to cut more than \$40,000 from the current budget.

*(Highest Budget **without** a voted levy)*

Next year's General Fund Budget for FY 2017-18	\$1,170,884
Last year's General Fund Budget for FY 2016-17	<u>\$1,201,754</u>
Decrease in FY18 budget	\$ - 30,870

*(Highest Budget **with a maximum** voted levy of \$31,211)*

Next year's General Fund Budget FY 2017-18	\$1,202,095
Last year's General Fund Budget FY 2016-17	<u>\$1,201,754</u>
Increase in FY 2018 budget	\$ + 341

Requested Building Reserve Levy

The Gallatin Gateway Board of Trustees is also requesting a Building Reserve Levy of \$35,000 per year over the next five years. (\$175,000) Our current Building Reserve Levy expires this year. It was passed in 2012 and was also for \$35,000 per year for five years.

The Board uses the Building Reserve to fund emergency repairs of the facility and equipment as well as larger infrastructure priorities established by the Facilities Advisory Committee using the Facility Condition Inventory conducted by the State of Montana in 2008 and the 2012 CTA Engineering Report and Energy Audit. Priorities needing funding include:

- Gym heater repairs or replacement
- Boiler system upgrade
- Temperature controls upgrade
- Heat recovery ventilation upgrade
- Upgrades of fire alarm and security systems

These costly facility upgrades require a long-term plan for funding and completion.

